

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 6 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 6

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 4 is amended for clarification purposes only. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is gratefully appreciated that the Office Action indicates that claims 2-6, 8-11, 13 and 14 contain allowable subject matter, and that claim 16 is allowed.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the March 9, 2005 telephonic interview with Examiner Grainger are also appreciated. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the telephonic interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action objects to the drawings. Fig. 6 is amended to show the warm-up operation. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the title. The title is amended to be more descriptive. Thus, withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claim 4 because of a typographical error. Claim 4 is amended to correct the typographical error. Thus, withdrawal of the objection to claim 4 is requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Hayashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,040,031); and claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hayashi. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

In particular, Hayashi does not disclose or suggest an image forming device, including at least a controller that performs a warm-up operation and that, during the warm-up operation, performs a calculation based on a remaining developer amount detected by a developer amount detector and on data stored in the memory, and controls to display a status of the remaining developer amount on the display based on the results of the calculation, as recited in independent claim 1.

The Examiner agreed during the telephonic conference that Hayashi does not disclose or suggest performing a calculation during the warm-up operation. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Petition for Extension of Time
Replacement Drawing

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